



# May 2010

## Rhode Island Farm Service Agency



### Rhode Island County FSA

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### Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 am-4:30 pm



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### Upcoming Events

COC meeting

June 2, 2010

Rhody Warm Wool Collection

June 5, 2010

### County Committee

Ruth James-Chairperson

Vincent Confreda-Vice-Chair

Victor Hoogendoorn-Member

Doreen Pezza-Member

### County Office Staff

Frank Bouchard, Acting CED

Anne Belleville, PT

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Leila Naylor, PT

### Farm Loan Staff

Roxanne Boisse, FLM

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### 2010 Direct Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Signup (ACRE) Continues

Signup for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program and Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) continues until June 1, 2010. The June 1, 2010 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept any late filed applications.

Producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis. The following documents are required and applicable determinations must be made before the county committee can approve a producer's share on the CCC-509 for payment:

- A farm operating plan (CCC-902 and related forms);
- An average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-926);
- A certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026).
- A certification on the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is needed before final payments can be issued.

Only farms with covered commodity or peanut based acres may participate in the ACRE program. Farms that are already enrolled in DCP for a crop may elect to switch to ACRE before the end of the signup. As provided by the 2008 Farm Bill, farms with 10 or less base acres are not eligible for DCP or ACRE Program payments, except for farms, whose owners are socially disadvantaged or are limited resource farmers or ranchers.



### Acreage Reporting Deadline July 15, 2010

Please remember that acreage reports for all crops and land uses (including failed prevented planting acreage) are required in order to participate in FSA programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from FSA. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

An annual acreage report is required to be eligible for all FSA programs such as the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), Noninsured crop disaster Assistance Program (NAP), LDP's etc. . . . Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of benefits for programs.

Producers who have NAP coverage, through FSA must file a NOTICE OF LOSS within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, date damage to crop is apparent, or 15 calendar days after the final planting date for prevented planting.

Again, producers are required to report their acreage by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Late filed acreage reports will result in late filed fees.

### Loan Deficiency Payment Program (LDP)

Wool and Mohair producers can apply for a payment subsidy on their 2010 crops. Eligible producers can apply for payment on their 2010 subsidy by filing a CCC-633 with the RI FSA County Office.

**The Rhode Island County Office Staff will be at the Rhody Warm Wool Collection Saturday June 5th at Urban Edge Farm in Cranston RI.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!!**

## County Committee Nominations Open June 15, 2010

It's that time of year again to elect new County Committee members for Rhode Island FSA. If you are a farmer who is eligible to participate in federal farm programs and live in one of the following Local Administrative Areas (LAA) below, you can volunteer yourself to be a nominee for the County Committee. The following Local Administrative Areas will be conducting County Committee Election;

LAA-2 Kent County  
LAA-4 Newport County  
LAA-5 Bristol County



The County Committee reviews county office operations and makes decisions on how the programs apply locally, giving farmers a say in how the federal programs are applied in their county.

A nomination form, FSA-669A (also available in Spanish) is included in this newsletter. Additional forms and details may be picked up at your local USDA Service Center, FSA county office or downloaded from <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

Eligible voters can nominate as many candidates as they wish. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating the agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business day August 2, 2010, or post-marked by midnight August 2, 2010. Nominees must meet eligibility requirements to be placed on the ballot.

## Adjusted Gross Income Verification Reminder Deadline June 15th!

USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to establish an electronic information exchange process based **only** on verifying compliance with the Average Adjusted Gross Income Form (AGI) (CCC-926) for program years 2009 and 2010. This Agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain program limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules **must** submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by **June 15th** to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCs offices or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

Please be assured that FSA will only receive results with "YES" or "NO" indicators of whether you exceeded or did not exceed the average AGI limitation amounts for 2009 and 2010 program years. No tax data will be included.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your local FSA office.

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